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IMPROVING THE YEARBOOK ON HUMAN RIGHTS

U.K. REPRESENTATIVE TABLED FOLLOWING RESOLUTION FOR SUB-  
MISSION TO ECOSOC. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY, U.S.  
REP WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION DEALING WITH  
PROCEDURES FOR PERIODICAL REPORTS.

QUOTE:

POSSIBILITIES OF REFINING AND IMPROVING THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF  
PERIODIC REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE YEARBOOK ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND: DRAFT  
RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 1074 C (XXXIX) OF 28 JULY 1965 CON-  
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CERNING PERIODIC REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND REPORTS ON FREEDOM  
OF INFORMATION,

BEARING IN MIND ITS RESOLUTION 1596 (L) OF 21 MAY 1971,

RECALLING ALSO ITS RESOLUTION 1988 (LX) OF 11 MAY 1976,

BELIEVING THAT IT IS ONLY THROUGH THE TIMELY SUBMISSION OF CONCISE REPORTS BY MEMBER STATES AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OBJECTIVE INFORMATION BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN APPRECIATE BOTH THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED AND THE PROBLEMS STILL TO BE OVERCOME,

BELIEVING ALSO THAT THE VALUE OF THESE REPORTS RESTS ON THEIR BEING SUBMITTED BY AS MANY STATES AS POSSIBLE,

RECOGNIZING THAT THE NUMBER OF REPORTING OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED UPON MEMBER STATES MAY MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE PREPARATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PERIODIC REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

1. DECIDES THAT MEMBER STATES SHALL BE ASKED IN FUTURE TO SUBMIT PERIODIC REPORTS ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS IN A CONTINUING CYCLE; THE FIRST REPORT, ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, TO BE SUBMITTED IN 1979, AND THE SECOND, ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, TO BE SUBMITTED ON 1982;

2. FURTHER DECIDES THAT STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AND TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS NEED NOT SUBMIT REPORTS ON SIMILAR QUESTIONS UNDER THE REPORTING PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED UNDER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1074 C (XXXIX) OF 28 JULY 1965;

3. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF MEMBER UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES WILL SUBMIT REPORTS IN THE FUTURE;

4. INVITES MEMBER STATES, IN SUBMITTING THEIR PERIODIC REPORTS, TO FOLLOW CLOSELY THE OUTLINE OF HEARINGS FOR REPORTS SENT TO THEM BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND TO PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO THE GUIDELINES CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 16 B (XXIII), WHICH WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY ON 22 MARCH 1967;

5. CONSIDERS IN PARTICULAR THAT THE ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS AND PROBLEM IN THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ITS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PERIODIC REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS CAN BE OF PRACTICAL VALUE ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT GOVERNMENTS INCLUDE IN THEIR REPORTS DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED, PRACTICAL METHODS OR MEASURES APPLIED OR ASSISTANCE TO OVERCOME THEM. UNQUOTE. CATTO

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